Response

Applicant: George B. Hobbs Serial No.: 09/734,295 Filed: December 11, 2000 Docket No.: 10003974-1

Title: PRINT PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH PRINT JOB ADVERTISING

REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, in which claims 11-21 and 24-28 were rejected. Claims 11-21 and 24-28 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11-12 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zehr et al. U.S. Publication No. 2001/0025274 in view of Kawai et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,404,994.

Claims 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zehr et al. U.S. Publication No. 2001/0025274 in view of Kawai et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,404,994 and further in view of Pierce et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,327,580.

Claims 19-21 and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zehr et al. U.S. Publication No. 2001/0025274 in view of Pierce et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,327,580.

Based on the parent application 09/581,306, the earliest effective date of the Zehr et al. U.S. Publication No. 2001/0025274 is July 7, 2000 which is prior to the filing date of December 11, 2000 of the present patent application. Accompanying this Response is a Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 to establish conception of the subject matter of the present patent application prior to the earliest effective date of July 7, 2000 of the Zehr et al. U.S. Publication No. 2001/0025274 coupled with due diligence from prior to the earliest effective date of the Zehr et al. publication up to the filing date of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice). Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests consideration of the Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. 1.131.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the Zehr et al. U.S. Publication No. 2001/0025274 does not qualify as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and, therefore, does not qualify as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 11-21 and 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 11-21 and 24-28 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 11-21 and 24-28 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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